Master plan for Brahmaputra River

762. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Master Plan for the Brahmaputra river like the NEEPCO's Copili Project has no provision for storage irrigation projects for Rabi crop areas in Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Master Plan for the Brahmaputra could have been a multipurpose project if it had been planned as such; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) 15 storage projects with a gross storage of 9.50 million ha. m., including the Kopili Project, have been indentified in the master plan for Brahmaputra Main Stem prepared by the Brahmaputra Board. Though the reservoirs have been planned for hydro-power generation and flood control, the impounded storage can also be used for providing irrigation as considered necessary.

Seizure of Heroin

763. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of heroin seized in the country during 1986-87 and the total number of offenders arrested in this connection;

(b) whether the arrested persons are still in jail custody or have been released on bail;

(c) whether Government propose to evolve a special set of laws for the trial of such offenders; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total quantity of heroin seized in the country during 1986 and 1987 is as under:

	Quantity (Kgs.)
1986 . . .	2,621
1987 . . .	2,780

The number of persons prosecuted and convicted for druge-related offences in 1986 and 1987, as reported to the Narcotics Control Bureau, are as follows:

	1986	1987
1. Number of persons prosecuted .	5,525	4,503
2. Number of persons convicted . .	586	247

(b) In accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, most of the drug offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and non-bailable. The drug law enforcement agencies have been directed to oppose, wherever necessary, bail applications in the concerned courts.

(c) and (d) A Cabinet Sub-Committee has been constituted to review the various measures to combat drug trafficking including the need to strengthen the existing laws.